

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of this application as presently amended is respectfully request

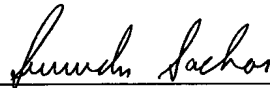
After entry of the foregoing amendment, Claims 1-54 are pending in the present application. Claims 1, 17, 33, and 34 are amended without the introduction of new matter by the present amendment.<sup>1</sup>

New Claims 49-51 depend from Claims 4, 20, and 36, respectively, and further recite that a first distance between one of the toner cartridges/supply means and a corresponding one of the image creating mechanisms/means is equal to a second distance between another one of the toner cartridges/supply means and another corresponding one of the image creating mechanisms/means.<sup>2</sup> New Claims 52-54 also depend from Claims 4, 20, and 36, respectively, and further recite that at least one of the toner cartridges/supply means is prismatic in shape.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, examination on the merits is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>1</sup> Support for the amendments is self-evident from the original claims.

<sup>2</sup> For support, see Specification, page 27, lines 1-6.

<sup>3</sup> For support, see Specification, page 29, lines 3-6.